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Commissioner's Column

Our fleet now boasts a cryptic message: 0X30. This is our call to action, leading New Yorkers to send zero waste to landfills by 2030, a goal the Mayor announced in April.

You perform the grueling and meaningful work of collecting refuse, recyclables and organics. Over the next five years, we're implementing new programs to make it easier for residents to reduce the waste they generate and help us extract resources that would otherwise be buried in landfills. We have already taken steps to achieve 0X30:

- A redesigned website (nyc.gov/zerowaste) which highlights our waste-reduction programs.
- Our new Guide to Zero, a pocket guide to help residents understand our services and help protect our environment.
- An expanded Organics Collection Pilot Program bringing us closer to our goal of serving all New Yorkers with curbside collection or convenient neighborhood drop offs by 2018.
- A completed textile collection pilot program which collected more than 100 tons of textiles for donations.
- A new online application to make it easier to buy, sell, exchange,

donate and receive goods will go live next year.

We are working with DOE and NYCHA to improve and expand recycling and waste reduction at schools and public housing developments, too.

You can also spot our 0X30 message at bus shelters and phone kiosks, and on Facebook and Twitter – where @NYCRecycles is now @NYCZeroWaste.

Together, these changes reflect the evolution of our services and our philosophy. To reiterate this, we've also modernized our agency seal. A larger caduceus emphasizes our commitment to keeping New York City healthy, safe and clean. Plus, the new green background will have a clean, professional appearance on your uniforms.

I encourage you to embrace our role as environmentalists during your daily duties and when New Yorkers ask about our new, vibrant orange message. You can learn more by reading our 0X30 announcement and by visiting nyc.gov/zerowaste.

Thank you for all that you do to keep New York City a great place to live, work and play.

Kathryn Garcia

Welcome and Congratulations



At our recent graduation, included a S/W who promotion and awards ceremony, we officially welcomed 500 Sanitation Workers as well as new Sanitation Police Officers, to DSNY. More than 150 received promotions, including new Assistant Chiefs, Deputy Chiefs, General Superintendents, Supervisors, Sanitation Police Inspectors and Lieutenants, and Captains, Lieutenants and Sergeants from Enforcement.

We also recognized acts of heroism and acknowledged excellence in the workplace. Employee of the Year awards and Unit citations were also presented. Gold Medal of Honor awardees

thwarted an attempted robbery while on duty, and five civilian employees who worked together to save the life of a coworker who suffered a heart attack.

During the ceremony, Commissioner Garcia also detailed the city's plans for our 0x30 Campaign, in line with the City's goal to send zero waste to landfills by 2030. We are expanding programs, enhancing outreach and exploring new strategies to reuse items to keep them from being sent to landfills.

Congratulations to all.

Thanks to our Veterans



Thank you to all DSNY Veterans, and those who are military members still on active duty, for your service to our country and our city.

Vision Zero Awards



At the recent Vision Zero Fleet Safety Forum, Chief of Safety **Stephen Harbin**, moderated the Fleet Best Practices in Safety panel to discuss the changes fleet operators have implemented to reduce collisions and costs.

Also at the event, 16 DSNY employees received a Good Operator award as part of the city's Vision Zero initiative, the first citywide program of its kind to recognize outstanding vehicle operators for their safe driving histories. Those recognized include:

Supervisors:

- **Kevin Capasso**

- **John D'Angelo**
- **James O'Connor**

Sanitation Workers:

- **Christopher Correale**
- **Maxine Crichlow**
- **Guy Lafauci**
- **Gary Mulligan**
- **Tina Speller-Brown**

Assoc. Enforcement Agents:

- **Jeffrey Hunter**
- **Carlos Nieves**
- **Louis Pepe**
- **Blanche Riddick**
- **Cecelia Rojas**
- **Robert Tabon**

Enforcement Agents:

- **Wayne Spencer**
- **Ruth Williams-Thomas**

Collector's Items / News & Notes

The Office of Human Resources is organizing a toy drive for the NU F.A.C.E.S. Children's organization. Unwrapped toys may be brought to 59 Maiden Lane, 5th Floor conference room until Dec. 18. Contact Monik Love at 646-885-0905.

Congratulations to retirees Assistant Chief **Steven Sokolowski**, Assistant Chief **Damiano Cassiano**, Assistant Chief **Michael Reeves** and District Superintendent **Mike O'Donnell**. We wish you all a happy retirement.

Condolences to the family and friends of Supv. **Lloyd**

Newton of BX8, on his recent passing.

The **AABS's 80th Annual Dinner Dance** is Nov. 21 at Antun's in Queens Village. Contact your borough Vice President for more info.

Congrats to the **DSNY Emerald Society** who has been recognized as a 2015 American Economic Leadership Award recipient.

Many thanks to those who supported the **DSNY Striders** breast cancer fundraising. The group at 59 Maiden Lane raised \$3,540!

Kids of Sanitation



Is your young son or daughter counting the days until they can join The Strongest? We'd love to see them! Send a photo to bmager@dsny.nyc.gov or tag the photo on Twitter or Instagram with a DSNY hashtag for possible publication in an upcoming newsletter.

Holy Name Breakfast and Mass



The DSNY Holy Name Society recently held their annual breakfast and Mass. A poignant moment occurred when the names of recently departed employees were read inside the Church of St. Andrews in Manhattan by Msgr. Robert Thelen.

In the News



Photo from SI Advance

Councilwoman Debi Rose of Staten Island awarded citations to S/W **Tony Libasci** and Supv. **Robert DeSantis Jr.**, for helping a woman involved in a domestic situation who came into SI1 for help. In thanking them for taking action, she called them "upstanders instead of bystanders." Read the story [here](#).

Also making news—Environmental Police Officers Joseph Perrone and Carlos Rodriguez who were instrumental in keeping a drunk driver off the road. After stopping a man for throwing beer cans from a car, they smelled alcohol and investigated further. NYPD eventually charged the man with a DWI. Read the full story [here](#).